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CONCORDIA BATTLES BISHOP'S FOR FIRST PLACE HALFTIME KICK FOR DIABETES

First place in the O-QIFC is on the line this Saturday when the Concordia Stingers host the Bishop's Gaiters at the Loyola stadium at 1:00 p.m. Bishop's, presently ranked second the country, enters the game with a perfect 3-0 record while the tenth-ranked Concordia Stingers are 2-1.

A victory will assure Concordia of at least a tie in the competitive 0-QIFC. Concordia upped their record to 2-1 with a 37-2 win over Carleton last Saturday.

Offensively the Gaiters are led by the passing combination of Silvio Martel, Pat Gregory and Tom Hart. Martel is the third leading passer in the league, Gregory leads the circuit in scoring (4TD's for 24 points) and receptions, and Hart ranks second in receiving. Granville Campbell is the team's leading rusher averaging 4.4 yards a carry.

The Gaiters have shone defensively this year. Led by the likes of Derrick Joseph, Derek Schumann, Al Matheson, and Martin Haines, the Gaiters are a talented, experienced squad.

To be effective the Stingers must continue to roll offensively behind the powerful arm and poise of veteran quarterback **Ron Aboud**. Aboud has thrown to 10 different receivers this year and his play has benefitted from the strong running of league all-star **J.F. Héroux** (188 yds - 6.1 ave.). Defensively the Stingers have allowed only 23 points in three games, the lowest in the league.

At halftime of Saturday's game celebrities from the Montreal media and the various student associations of Concordia University will participate in a half-time kick contest to aid the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Canada. Celebrity kickers include Randy Phillips of the Gazette, Scott Russell of CBC, Rob Faulds of CTV, Peter Dalla Riva of Molson Breweries, Paul Graif of The Link, Tammy Powell, CUSA co-president, as well as representatives from student associations.

People often think of diabetes as a "minor" disease. An inconvenient handicap. They think that insulin cures it. The truth, diabetes is one of the leading causes of death by disease in this country and insulin is only a bandage, not a cure.

Currently, diabetes affects more than 1.5 million Canadians, and the number is increasing by more than 6 percent each year. Over 150,000 Canadians have Type I or Juvenile Diabetes, the most severe form of the disease, and they must take daily injections of insulin, just to stay alive.

STINGER PLAYERS OF THE GAME Saturday, Sept. 29 - Carleton

Cliff Cassidy
Specialty

Alvaro Martinez Defense John Colatosti Offense